

MURDER IN ALBANY STREET.

THE ALLEGED MURDERER IN CUSTODY.

Last evening Coroner Schirmer was notified to investigate the circumstances attending the death of Henry Benatus, a German sailor, 28 years of age, who expired in one of the cells of the First Ward Station House on Sunday morning. The Coroner ordered a post-mortem examination of the body of deceased, which disclosed an extensive fracture of the skull, and several contusions about the arms and chest.

It appears that on Saturday night, Officer O'Donnell of the First Ward, while patrolling his beat, found a man, apparently intoxicated, lying upon the sidewalk in Allany street, near Washington. The officer endeavored to rouse the man from his seeming drunken stupor, but failing to do so he procured assistance and conveyed him to the Station House, where he was placed in a cell on a charge of intoxication.

On Sunday morning the doctor repaired to the cell to let out the prisoners when he found the man in question lying dead upon the floor, and it was not until then that any suspicion was entertained that he was otherwise than intoxicated.

Capt. Sneyd immediately dispatched several of his men to investigate the matter. A boy 9 years of age, named James Alfrey was found, who stated that he saw the deceased, whose name is Henry Benatus, engaged in a scuffle with Philip Collins, the proprietor of a grocery at No. 11 Albany street. He saw Collins strike Benatus over the head with a club and then drag him into the street. He saw Benatus and another man in the store near the bar.

Subsequently a man named Henry Smith, also a sailor, appeared at the 1st Ward Station House and inquired for Benatus and as to what had been done with him. When told that Benatus was dead, he stated that on Saturday, in company with the deceased, he went into the store of Collins, when they both took a

drink. Some dispute arose between Benatus and Collins in regard to payment, when, without cause or provocation, the latter obtained a club from behind his counter and struck the former a violent blow therewith over the head, knocking him down. Fearing for his own life he ran away leaving his companion at the mercy of Collins.

Upon this evidence, Collins, his wife, and other occupants of the house were taken in custody and locked up in the First Ward Station-House, to await the result of the Coroner's investigations. The boy Airey and the sailor Smith were also detained as witnesses. The testimony of both is straightforward in regard to the brutal attack made upon the deceased. Dr. Weltje, who made the post mortem, is prepared to testify that the death of Benatus was caused by the extensive fracture of his skull.

THE KANSAS FAMINE.

CALL FOR A PUBLIC MEETING TO AID THE STARVING.

The undersigned, in view of the now unquestioned fact that thousands of the people of Kansas are suffering from FAMINE, deem it but humane and Christian that some immediate steps be taken to afford relief to the famishing settlers of that unfortunate Territory. From testimony of the most trustworthy character, it appears that not less than 50,000 of the inhabitants of Kansas are suffering for necessary food and clothing, many of whom must inevitably perish during the coming Winter unless they shall receive assistance from abroad.

In view of these facts, the undersigned unite in a call for a public meeting, to be held at the Cooper Institute on Wednesday, the 15th day of December, at 7 o'clock p. m., to consider what action shall be taken in the premises.

Wm. C. Fryan,	C. A. Dana.	C. H. Marshall,
Luther Bryant,	Wm. Curtis News,	H. B. Wymen
Oliver G. Hunt,	H. J. Raymond,	F. L. White,
John M. Smith,	J. S. May,	Francis Hall,
Daniel Ford,	Seth R. Hunt,	George S. Robbins,
James H. Smith,	Samuel E. Smith,	Charles F. Smith,
Peter Cooper,	James R. Scadding,	Aug. F. Dow
John P. Williams,	Wm. M. Evans,	Young Schuster & Co.,
Richard D. Webb,	Edw. M. Clark,	R. H. Clapp
Charles W. Church,	David Underhill,	B. H. McCurdy,
W. M. Filletot,	Cyrus W. Field,	

THE FAMINE FUND FOR KANSAS.

THIRD ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY MR. HYATT.

Tue. 8—Times's sale of Banquet tickets.....	\$7 50
Sat.'s sale of Engron's tickets (which includes 50 cents for each ticket).....	14 75
Check from The World, contributed by John F. Ford, editor of the Archæologist.....	19 00
Samuel Bowles of The Republican Office, Spring field.....	\$6 00
Mrs. M. M. C.	5 00
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To send the starving people of Kansas from M. E. session, see Newton, L.	10 00
Mrs. M. M. C.	5 00
per Mr. A. Newman.....	25 00
Collection at Moravian Church, Brooklyn, on Sept. 1st.....	10 00
Moravian Church Sabbath School.....	1 25
M. E. Church Congregation of Richmond.....	15 32-121
From Mrs. N. Y. Turner, she the following: \$1 Fran- cis Hall, \$1 Adams, \$1 Geo. S. Robbins, \$1 Clap- \$2 Bridget Peeph, \$2 "Third Class,"	10 75
"Thanksgiving Offering from Ferrisville Village and District, \$100 per person, per person.....	54 50
The Rev. Samuel V. Burdett sends.....	23 25
and says: "For the poor starving natives in Kansas, I have contributed my church, the Free Church Central, Newark Valley, from County of N. Y. Send it where it will do most good. We shall be happy to contribute."	
From "B. B." per Francis Hall, esp. of Thos. Y. A. <i>Commercial</i>	10 00
From the same source, per Baptist Church in Plattsburgh, Conn. per Jacob Gardner.....	15 50
From Robert Wiley of New York.....	3 00
From Hill, N. Y. #.....	3 00
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and says: "My God agreed here in this way & I have." \$1 J. F. A., \$1 D. Scott of Great Falls, N. H.....	2 00

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perilous times. Still they would not die in this country without a final effort to overthrow freedom of speech and of the press. The meeting was continued until a late hour. One man said that he had heard a Judge this city say, "Although I voted for Lincoln, yet I am no Abolitionist, and I would head a mob to pull down THE TRISTE ^{his office and} Beecher's Church." Most of the speech gave details of their personal acquaintance with Mr. Brown. The formation of a party of Emancipative aims in opposition to the Republican party was advocated.

LATER FROM ST. LOUISA.—By the steamship Zulu, we have Klugeider (Kluger) papers to St. Louis, Missouri. There is no news of interest.